

CHARLES TOWN RACES & SLOTS RELEASES 2010 OPEN STAKES SCHEDULE December 8, 2009

(Charles Town, WV) – Looking to follow up on a successful 2009 stakes slate, Charles Town Races & Slots today released its open stakes schedule for 2010. Using a similar theme as its 2009 schedule, Charles Town will employ a trio of themed event days between April and September. These three event days will accompany Charles Town Races & Slots richest stakes day, West Virginia Breeders' Classics Night, which offered a record \$2,000,000 in purses in 2009.

After debuting in 2009, the second running of the Charles Town Classic for horses four-years-old and upward, going 1 1/8 miles, will take place on April 17th. Unlike the tiered structure used for the race in 2009, the 2010 Charles Town Classic will carry a guaranteed purse of \$1,000,000 for all runners. Charles Town Classic Day will also feature a pair of six-figure stakes, the \$250,000 Sugar Maple for older fillies going seven furlongs, as well as the \$100,000 Blue & Gold Stakes for three-year-olds going seven furlongs.

The next event day on the calendar will be June 19th when the track holds the third edition of the Charles Town Races & Slots Sprint Festival. The feature event on the Sprint Festival card is the Red Legend for three-year-olds going seven furlongs. The 2010 Red Legend will receive a purse increase to \$400,000, which makes it the richest unrestricted three-year-old dirt sprint in the country.

Next, the Charles Town Race for the Ribbon, will make its return on September 18th. The day's marquee race will again be the Charles Town Oaks for three-year-old fillies at a distance of seven furlongs. Like the Red Legend, the Charles Town Oaks received a purse bump to \$400,000, making it the richest three-year-old filly sprint in the country. Race for the Ribbon day will again include many of the same events as the 2009 edition, where Charles Town Races & Slots raised over \$15,000 for the West Virginia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The West Virginia Breeders' Classics and West Virginia-bred stakes schedules will be released in the coming months. For more information on racing at Charles Town or its stakes program, please contact Racing Secretary Randy Wehrman at (304) 724-4323 or william.wehrman@pngaming.com

2010 CHARLES TOWN RACES & SLOTS OPEN STAKES SCHEDULE

April 17	Charles Town Classic, \$1,000,000, 4&up, 1 1/8 miles
April 17	Sugar Maple Stakes, \$250,000, 4&up fillies & mares, 7 furlongs
April 17	Blue & Gold Stakes, \$100,000, 3yo, 7 furlongs
April 17	Webb Snyder Stakes, \$75,000, 3&up, 4 1/2 furlongs
June 19	Red Legend Stakes, \$400,000, 3yo, 7 furlongs
June 19	Charles Town Invitational Dash, \$100,000, 3&up, 4 ½ furlongs
June 19	Lady Charles Town, \$100,000, 3yo fillies, 4 ½ furlongs
June 19	Wild and Wonderful, \$100,000, 3&up, 7 furlongs
September 18	Charles Town Oaks, \$400,000, 3yo fillies, 7 furlongs
September 18	Charles Town Juvenile, \$100,000, 2yo, 7 furlongs
September 18	Miss Shenandoah, \$100,000, 2yo fillies, 4 1/2 furlongs
September 18	The Pink Ribbon, \$75,000, 3&up fillies & mares, 7 furlongs

United States Richest Dirt/Synthetic Races By Category (based on 2009 purses)

3&up - One Mile or more				3YO - under One Mile			
	<u>Race</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>Track</u>		<u>Race</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>Track</u>
1.	Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)	\$5,000,000	Santa Anita	1.	Red Legend	\$400,000	Charles Town
T2.	Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)	\$1,000,000	Santa Anita	2.	Kings Bishop (G1)	\$300,000	Saratoga
T2.	Charles Town Classic	\$1,000,000	Charles Town	T3.	Gallant Bob	\$250,000	Philadelphia Park
T2.	Pacific Classic (G1)	\$1,000,000	Del Mar	T3.	Malibu Stakes (G1)	\$250,000	Santa Anita
T2.	Santa Anita Handicap (G1)	\$1,000,000	Santa Anita	T3.	Woody Stephens (G2)	\$250,000	Belmont Park
T6.	Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1)	\$750,000	Belmont Park	T6.	Bay Shore (G2)	\$200,000	Aqueduct
T6.	Whitney Handicap (G1)	\$750,000	Saratoga	T6.	Carry Back (G2)	\$200,000	Calder
T6.	Woodward (G1)	\$750,000	Saratoga	T6.	Jersey Shore BC (G2)	\$200,000	Gulfstream Park
9.	Hollywood Gold Cup	\$700,000	Hollywood Park	T6.	Swale (G2)	\$200,000	Monmouth Park
T10.	2 others	\$600,000		T10.	4 others	\$150,000	

3&up Fillies & Mares - under One Mile

	<u>Race</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>Track</u>
1.	BC Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)	\$1,000,000	Santa Anita
2.	Presque Isle Masters (G3)	\$400,000	Presque Isle
3.	Princess Rooney (G1)	\$350,000	Calder
T4.	Humana Distaff (G1)	\$300,000	Churchill Downs
T4.	Ballerina (G1)	\$300,000	Saratoga
T4.	Vinery Madison (G1)	\$300,000	Keeneland
T4.	Santa Monica (G1)	\$300,000	Santa Anita
T8.	Sugar Maple	\$250,000	Charles Town
T8.	Tbred Club of America (G2)	\$250,000	Keeneland
10.	Rancho Bernardo (G2)	\$200,000	Del Mar

3YO Fillies - under One Mile

	<u>Race</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>Track</u>
1.	Charles Town Oaks	\$400,000	Charles Town
T2.	Lexus Raven Run (G2)	\$300,000	Keeneland
T2.	Prioress (G1)	\$300,000	Belmont Park
T2.	The Test (G1)	\$300,000	Saratoga
T5.	La Brea (G1)	\$250,000	Santa Anita
T5.	Stonerside Beaumont (G2)	\$250,000	Keeneland
T7.	Azalea (G3)	\$200,000	Calder
T7.	Nassau County (G3)	\$200,000	Belmont Park
T8.	3 others	\$150,000	

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Charles Town Races & Slots is a world-class entertainment venue offering visitors over 5,000 slot machines, live and simulcast horse racing and a wide range of food and beverage choices, including the 350-seat Epic Buffet. The historic Charles Town Races has hosted live thoroughbred racing since 1933, and began offering gaming to visitors in 1997. Conveniently located within approximately a one-hour drive from Baltimore, Maryland and Washington DC, Charles Town Races & Slots is one of the region's fastest growing destinations, hosting more than 4 million visitors each year.

Hotel accommodations can be found on property at the Inn at Charles Town, featuring 153 comfortable guest rooms including 18 spacious suites. Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet and wireless internet access. Further unwind by taking the complimentary shuttle service to the racetrack, slot action and to any of the nine restaurant options at Charles Town Races & Slots. Also, plan your next function at the Inn at Charles Town in the 1470 sq foot Shenandoah Room, the upscale 196 sq foot Potomac Boardroom, or reserve the 5200 sq foot Skyline Ballroom, overlooking live thoroughbred races. For more information, visit www.charlestownraces.com.